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LETTER DATED 24 JUNE 1998 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 14 of Security Council resolution 1173 (1998) dated 12 June 1998, in which the Council decided that additional measures against UNITA specified in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the said resolution would come into force on 25 June 1998, unless UNITA has fully cooperated, by 23 June, in the immediate extension of State administration throughout Angola, including in particular in Andulo, Bailundo, Mungo and N'Harea, and stopped any attempts to reverse this process.

My Special Representative for Angola, Mr. Alioune Blondin Beye, has informed me that, as a result of intensive consultations undertaken in the last few days, the leader of UNITA, Mr. Jonas Savimbi, did not set specific dates for the implementation of the extension of State administration in the four strategic localities, but expressed his willingness to cooperate in the normalization of these localities by 30 June 1998. Initially, the President of Angola, Mr. José Eduardo dos Santos, had agreed that the date of the entry into force of the additional sanctions be postponed until 30 June 1998, on the condition that Mr. Savimbi indicate specific dates for the normalization of the four localities mentioned above. However, in the course of further contacts, and responding to the request of my Special Representative, President dos Santos decided not to insist on this condition and agreed with the proposal to defer the entry into force of the sanctions until 30 June.

At a meeting held today, the Joint Commission, which is chaired by my Special Representative and includes the representatives of the Government, UNITA and the three observer States (Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States), endorsed Mr. Beye's suggestion to recommend to the Security Council to postpone the date of the entry into force of the additional measures against UNITA from 25 June, as specified in resolution 1173 (1998), to 30 June 1998.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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